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LANE OF TERROR

Which roadway hosts Brooklyn's scariest bike lane?

By Natalie O'Neill

The Brooklyn Paper

Brooklyn is quickly becoming America's cycling capital thanks to its growing number of top-notch bike lanes—but then there are the ones that strike fear in the hearts of riders on a daily basis.

Some bike lanes are blocked by dozens of double parked cars. Others end without warning. One shoots bikers into oncoming traffic. Several have potholes big enough to make a morning cruise feel like a blindfolded tractor ride on the moon.

What follows is a list of seven



The battle for Brooklyn's byways

of the most frightening bike lanes in Brooklyn, based on transportation studies, interviews with bike advocates, and testimony from dozens of cyclists (including The Brooklyn Paper's team of bike-riding reporters).

Which do you think is the most terrifying?

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Jay Street

Rule-breaking motorists—including cabbies, van drivers, and even cops—park so frequently in this Downtown-to-Manhattan link-up lane, that the path regularly looks more like a parking lot than a safe haven for cyclists. The double-parkers force bikers to swerve around cars and into the car lanes, where jay-walking

pedestrians are one more obstacle to dodge.

And the stats are dramatic, too: an average of 49 vehicles park in the bike lane between Wiloughby and Johnson streets during morning and evening rush hours, according to a four-day traffic survey conducted by the bike advocacy group Transport

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Cyclists on the Jay Street bike lane must contend with drivers who use the lane to double-park.



Casey Petrillo and Jerry Simon want the owners of a huge new beer garden to be good neighbors.

BAR FIGHT

Neighbors: Beer garden turning Greenwood Heights into a urinal

By Natalie O'Neill

The Brooklyn Paper

Boorish booze hounds are peeing on property, having sex in cars, and tossing used condoms onto Greenwood Heights sidewalks, say the grossed-out neighbors of a massive new beer garden.

Ever since the 700-seat beer hall Greenwood Park opened on 19th Street and Seventh Avenue last month, neighbors say their greatest fears about the

venue have come true—including late-night noise, drunken driving, a street smell one resident described as “a mix of pee, cigarettes, and throw-up,” and public sex.

“You catch people making out in the entrance of apartments—and there's noise throughout the night,” Greenwood Heights resident Jerry Simon said.

He and other neighbors want owners

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Greasing the wheels

Bridge Park velodrome pedaled by crony, some allege

By Natalie O'Neill

The Brooklyn Paper

A Prospect Heights woman exploited her position on an influential Brooklyn Bridge Park advisory committee to land a sweet business deal, claim her former colleagues who are lobbing allegations of cronyism over a \$40-million bike track development.

Kate Collignon, a principal at the development consulting firm HR & A Advisors, sat for months on the park's Community Advisory Council while simultaneously doing work for



Members of a Brooklyn Bridge Park advisory panel say development consultant and former committee member Kate Collignon used her position to advocate for a planned velodrome in the green space.

the velodrome, according to committee sources and documents obtained by The Brooklyn Paper—and that doesn't sit well with other panel members.

“There are extraordinary conflicts of interest,” said Judi Francis.

Collignon was added to the council of “park advocates” and community members in 2010, a year after she began working for the firm—which is doing consulting work for the cycling track and gym and has done similar work for Brook-

lyn Bridge Park on-and-off since 2005.

Collignon never actually voted on the plan because she resigned from the panel two months ago. But she resurfaced soon after as a representative for the proposed bike track—and panel sources say her votes and contributions to committee discussions helped pave the way for the project.

Her dual roles are a conflict of interest—and just one example of an ethical snafu on a committee in which several members stand to gain from business hook-ups, panel members say.

“We should be representing a community of park users—not the people who provide the park with services [for profit],” said committee member Roy Sloane.

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Dick Zigun at his annual State of Coney Island address.

Zigun: Seize the Shore

Wants city to use eminent domain on Coney theater

By Will Bredderman

The Brooklyn Paper

The city should use its power of eminent domain to seize the Shore Theater from its disgraceful owner—who has sat on the property for nearly two decades without doing anything to it—and turn it into the palace it once

was, the unofficial mayor of Coney Island decreed last Thursday.

Coney Island USA founder Dick Zigun said Horace Bullard has allowed the building where Jerry Lewis once performed to crumble, and doesn't deserve the choice property at Surf and Stillwell avenues.

“Whether it's through the Landmarks Commission or eminent domain, this must be done by any means necessary,” Zigun said during his annual State of Coney Island Address. “The Shore Theater must be occupied.”

The self-proclaimed leader of the

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Another “ghost stroller” is haunting Park Slope.

Ghost stroller baffles Slope

By Natalie O'Neill

The Brooklyn Paper

A second mysterious “ghost stroller” is haunting Park Slope—and this time it has a Jamaican accent.

A white-painted stroller adorned with a Jamaican flag appeared on a bike rack on Prospect Park West near 10th Street last week, baffling parents who aren't quite sure whether to burst into

tears, cringe, laugh, or scratch their heads at its bizarre symbolism.

“The cynic in me wonders if it's just a prank,” said Noah Isenberg, a father who lives a block away. “Or it could be art?”

The all-white stroller, which mimics “ghost bike” memorials for cyclists killed in traffic accidents, comes nearly two years after a similar painted baby carriage popped up in the kid-cen-

tric neighborhood.

Like the first one, cops say it's not related to a traffic death—but neighbors are still floating theories about its meaning, including a possible joke about “the death” of the neighborhood or a statement about cars speeding on the popular and controversial roadway.

Park Slope's original ghost stroller—decked out with a canopy and plastic flowers—

appeared on Sixth Avenue near Union Street in August of 2010. That prompted a New York Times article featuring an Ernest Hemingway reference and one sentence with six commas.

“Right across the street from the stylish maternity shop Boing Boing, with its earthenware tea sets and retro-patterned baby slings, and a block from the bar

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Matt Winn, the owner of Bushwick's newly opened Molasses Books, hopes to draw customers once he is allowed to serve beer and wine in his shop.

Get lit-faced

New Bushwick bookstore to serve alcohol in the stacks

By Danielle Furfaro

The Brooklyn Paper

If they won't come for the books, they might come for the coffee. And if they don't come

for the coffee, they'll definitely come for the booze.

That's the business model at Molasses Books—Bushwick's

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RESTLER'S MATCH

District leader challenged by CB1 chairman

By Danielle Furfaro

The Brooklyn Paper

A high-stakes political chess game between an old-time Democratic party boss and an upstart youngster is heating up in North Brooklyn, and a little-known, unpaid position hangs in the balance.

Democratic district leader Lincoln Restler is being challenged by Community Board 1 chair Chris Olechowski—pitting the 28-year-old incumbent with powerful allies from Williamsburg to Washington against a long-time Greenpoint activist who has the backing of influential Democratic boss Vito Lopez.

They're battling for a chance to hire poll workers, finagle support for the party, elect judges, and choose the party boss—and with Restler's past as an outspoken opponent of Lopez, the September election is becoming a proxy war between new and old factions in the Democratic party.



Incumbent Democratic district leader Lincoln Restler wants to keep his unpaid job, but Chris Olechowski, at right, wants to call the obscure party position his own.



It's not a glamorous job, but both candidates think it is worth fighting for.

“This is a highly lucrative, unpaid office,” said Restler. There was no masking the political grudge match at a stacked Restler press conference earlier this

week, where 13 Brooklyn Dems, including Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-Williamsburg), Borough President Markowitz, and state Sen. Daniel Squadron (D-Brooklyn Heights), offered their support to the self-described reformer who

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Dave Mitri makes trophies that spoof fantasy football's less-than-fit players.

Trophies for fantasy play

Local toasts couch potatoes

By Natalie O'Neill

The Brooklyn Paper

The world's most talented armchair quarterbacks are thanking a Gowanus sculptor for creating a real-life reward for fantasy sports.

Dave Mitri, founder of Fantasy Trophies, has carved a niche crafting bronze hardware for fantasy sports aficionados that depict a beer-bellied

man making the classic “Heisman” pose—only he's extending a remote control instead of a stiff arm.

The handmade statues spoof stereotypes about die-hard sports fans who toil over make-believe rosters based on stats from real athletes.

Mitri said his rendition of a less-than-svelte male form is a

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Traveling Clones' road to joy

By Will Bredderman
The Brooklyn Paper

**IronBirds 6
Cyclones 3**
July 24 at MCU Park

The lowly Aberdeen IronBirds toppled the pride of Coney Island as starter Rainy Lara blew a two-run Clones lead and reliever Tim Peterson put the team even deeper in the hole.

The Mini-Mets pulled ahead in the fourth after shortstop Philip Evans singled to left and IronBirds starter David Richardson plunked catcher Kevin Plawecki. A double by left fielder Stefan Sabol sent Evans home, and a pair of walks did the same for Plawecki.

But in the top of the sixth, Lara—who'd struck out five and given up just two hits up to that point—gave up a homer followed by a single and an RBI double that notched the game at 2–2. Clones skipper Rich Donnelly replaced Lara with Peterson to start the seventh, but the reliever gave up a single, a homer, a double, and another single before he got yanked.

The Clones came up with

another run in the next frame on a sacrifice by third baseman Dimas Ponce, but the damage was done.

**Cyclones 3
Muckdogs 2**
At Dwyer Stadium

Back-to-back homers by third baseman Alexander Sanchez and left fielder Stefan Sabol powered the Cyclones past the Batavia Muckdogs as Brooklyn's boys of summer—who thrive on the road—kicked off a six game trip through upstate New York and Ohio.

Down 2–0 in the sixth, Brooklyn first baseman Jayce Boyd hit a single off Muckdogs starter Ben Freeman and advanced to second on a wild pitch with Sanchez at bat and Sabol on deck. Sanchez crushed a two-run homer to left—and Sabol followed up with a solo blast to center. Clones reliever Paul Sewald limited the Muckdogs to one hit, no walks, and no runs for the rest of the way.

**Cyclones 7
Batavia Muckdogs 1**
July 27 at Dwyer Stadium

The Cyclones offense pounded Muckdogs relievers Brandon Creath and Jo-

The Ride



seph Scanio after trailing by one run for seven innings.

The Muckdogs scored their lone run in the first, as Brooklyn starter Luis Mateo gave up singles to the first three batters he faced. But Mateo recovered his control in the following six frames, pitching three 1-2-3 innings, fanning seven batters, and limiting Batavia to just three more hits.

Batavia hurlers Tyler Melting and Lee Stoppelman held Brooklyn scoreless for seven innings, giving up just two hits each. But in top of the eighth, Creath, the reliever, pitched himself into a jam by giving up three singles in a row. With the bases loaded and no outs, Clones third baseman Alexander Sanchez hit a sac fly that sent shortstop Philip Evans home. Left fielder Stefan Sabol then belted an RBI double. Batavia skipper Dan Birlardello, yanked Creath for Scanio. But Scanio was unable to stop the carnage as the Mini-Mets batted around. The

Clones scored on more in the ninth to cap it off.

**Muckdogs 2
Cyclones 0**
July 27 at Dwyer Stadium

Batavia hurler Joe Cuda dominated the Clones as the Muckdogs shut out the Mini-Mets in the final face-off of a three-game series.

Cuda limited the pride of Coney Island to just one hit, zero walks, and zero runs in five innings of work, striking out a total of seven batters and sending the Cyclones down in order the first four innings. Brooklyn starting pitcher Luis Cessa gave up a run in the first inning—an RBI double to left fielder Garrett Wittels—but was effective the next four frames, allowing just four more hits and no additional runs.

The Muckdogs sealed their win with another run in the bottom of the eighth.

**Scrappers 3
Cyclones 2**
July 28 at Eastwood Field

An eighth-inning throwing error from Clones first baseman Jayce Boyd set the stage for a two-run homer that erased Brooklyn's lead over the Mahoning Valley

Scrappers.

The Cyclones got on the board in the first inning of the back-and-forth bout in the Buckeye State when center fielder Brandon Nimmo hit a leadoff single and crossed the plate on catcher Kevin Plawecki's line-drive double to right field. But the Scrappers scraped up a run in the second as Clones starter Hansel Robles gave up a double followed by two singles.

Brooklyn recaptured the lead in the next inning, with right fielder Eudy Pina singling and scoring on a base hit by Boyd. But everything fell apart in the eighth. With two outs on the board, Scrapper second baseman Joseph Wendle reached first on Boyd's throwing error—giving third baseman Joe Sever another runner to bring home when he crushed a homer to left off of struggling Cyclones reliever David Wynn.

**Cyclones 10
Scrappers 5**
July 29 at Eastwood Field

Brooklyn's line-up came alive as the team hammered the Mahoning Valley Scrappers' pitching staff in their second night in Ohio.



clones to victory over the Mahoning Valley Scrappers for the second game in a row—but this time he had some help from hurler Rainy Lara.

The last match-up of a six-game Clones road trip got off to a rough start when the Scrappers put one on the board in the first. But after that, Lara was dominant, sending the Scrappers down in order the next four innings, allowing no additional runs, and striking out a total of 10 batters in seven innings of work.

The Cyclones offense surged in the third, when Scrappers starting pitcher Luis Morel loaded the bases by walking right fielder Eudy Pina, giving up a single to Nimmo, and walking second baseman Richie Rodriguez. First baseman Jayce Boyd then whacked a line drive to center that scored two.

The Clones padded their lead in the fifth, as Nimmo roped one to center, Rodriguez reached base on an error, designated hitter Alexander Sanchez drew a walk, and left fielder Stefan Sabol singled, driving in two. The Clones posted another run in the sixth on an RBI double from Nimmo.

Brooklyn is two games behind the first-place Hudson Valley Renegades in the NY-Penn League's McNamara division.

Pitcher Rainy Lara and outfielder Brandon Nimmo.

Photos by Steve Solomonson



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She minds the gap

Activist says there’s too much space at platform

By Alfred Ng
for The Brooklyn Paper

Michele Kaplan often gets stuck on the train, but unlike many commuters, it’s not delays or track work that slow her down — it’s the space between the subway car and the platform.

Kaplan, who uses a wheelchair, says too-steep gaps at certain stations purported to be “accessible” to disabled passengers — including many in Downtown — are actually impassible, leaving her trapped part-way over the tracks if she isn’t careful.

“It is an incredibly scary experience, and I am pretty fearless in my chair,” said Kaplan, who documents her struggles commuting at her blog [Mind-TheGapMTA.tumblr.com](#).

Kaplan is one of 60,000 handicapped straphangers who she claims are constantly inconvenienced by the inconsistent spacing between trains and platforms — and advocates for disabled commuters say problems abound at supposedly wheelchair-friendly stations including Borough Hall, Atlantic Avenue–Barclays Center, and DeKalb Avenue, among others.

The Americans With Disabilities Act stipulates that the difference in height between a train and the plat-



Michele Kaplan says she struggles to get her wheelchair over the gap between subway trains and platforms — even at so-called “accessible” stations.

form cannot be more than 5/8 of an inch — but the difference can be as much as three inches at the Borough Hall station, according to disabled rights attorney and Metropolitan Transportation Authority critic Martin Coleman.

“It’s breaking the law,” Coleman says. “This is a situation they know about, and they will not take steps to address it.”

On the Long Island Rail Road — where a teenager

died after falling into the gap — MTA workers help disabled passengers board trains and even lay out sturdy ramps when necessary. But that’s not the case in with subways.

MTA spokeswoman Deidre Parker says “there should be no need for assistance” at “accessible” stations, so long as disabled passengers enter and exit the train in a designated zone marked by signs.

Conductors can assist riders if they need it — but only at 19

“accessible” stations out of the 157 stops in the borough.

“Not every station can be modified to permit [Americans with Disabilities Act] compliant gap tolerances at every train door,” Parker said.

That’s no consolation for Kaplan, who is petitioning the MTA to mend the gaps.

“This is an issue of safety,” it says. “If the MTA lists a station as ‘Wheelchair Accessible’ then it needs to be wheelchair accessible.”

At war with Walgreens

Community to pharmacy: Sell fresh food or leave

By Natalie O’Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

Windsor Terrace residents have a less-than welcoming message for their neighborhood’s newest business: feed us or get out!

More than 100 protesters rallied outside the former home of the community’s only grocery store on Wednesday to demand that the new tenant — the drugstore chain Walgreens — offer fresh food or back out of the deal.

“You’re not welcome here

— and we’re not taking this laying down,” said protest organizer Steve Levine.

Neighbors last month began fighting the nation’s largest pharmacy chain after it announced plans to replace the Key Foods at Prospect and 11th avenues, saying the lack of a grocery store would create a food desert that would force families and old people to trek more than a mile to Park Slope for sustenance.

More than 3,000 people — about one third of all Windsor

Terrace households — have since signed petitions pledging to boycott the pharmacy, Walgreens opponents say.

Politicians say they want Walgreens to renegotiate its lease — which became official on Wednesday — to share some space with a grocer, noting that several store owners have expressed interest.

“It’s a business model that is beneficial to both parties,” said Councilman Brad Lander (D–Windsor Terrace).

Walgreens agreed in June

to provide “expanded food offerings” at the shop, but refused to define that term when contacted for specifics.

Spokesman Jim Cohn said the company plans to gather with residents and elected officials to discuss the neighborhood’s needs.

“Those discussions are ongoing [so] we cannot disclose more information at this time,” he said. “However, we do look forward to engaging in an active dialogue with community leaders.”

SCARIEST...

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tation Alternatives.

It’s only a matter of time, cycling advocates say, before someone gets hurt.

“Luckily I haven’t ended up on the pavement yet,” said cyclist Lucas Sanchez.

S. Fifth Street

South Williamsburg’s most confusing eastbound lane terminates and dumps riders into a westbound-only path on S. Fourth Street near the foot of the Williamsburg Bridge.

But many eastbound riders wind up riding in the wrong direction on a block-long stretch without a bike lane — then find themselves pedaling directly into fast-moving, oncoming traffic under a poorly-lit Brooklyn–Queens Expressway overpass.

Bikers say a sign directing cyclists to a safer, but less intuitive alternative route would solve the problem.

“If you’re in a hurry, it’s a death trap,” said cyclist Marc Seidenstein.

Navy Street

Rock-tossing teens turned this pedaling path into a bone-chilling landmark by launching objects — including bricks and golf balls — at cyclists from a footbridge near Tillary Street, injuring or terrorizing at least six bikers. The city erected a tall fence to protect cyclists from projectiles, but the lane is still plagued with potholes and other obstructions, bikers say.

“We don’t expect to ride on a red carpet — but we want our space to be treated with respect,” said Stephen Arthur, who was hit with a brick on the lane last year.

Fifth Avenue

Drivers entering and leaving cars on this popular-but-narrow Park Slope corridor



Cyclists on Brooklyn Bridge’s bike lane must dodge oblivious tourists.

make the shared lane tricky for cyclists, who fear being squished between vehicles, “car-doored,” or hit by parking motorists.

“I’ve seen some close calls,” said cyclist Mitch Sonies.

Ninth Street

Busted concrete, deep potholes, and double-parked cars make riding this well-used

route frightening. Making matters worse, motorists tend to drive fast on the popular thoroughfare, especially near speeding-prone Fourth Avenue, cyclists say.

“The street’s plenty wide, so those lanes could really benefit from being physically separated,” said cycling advocate Eric McClure.

Brooklyn Bridge

Bikers are forced to squeeze between oblivious tourists snapping photos and a silver wall the city installed last year as part of bridge repairs. The new wall shrunk the width of the already narrow lane — and the extra squeeze may have contributed to several crashes, including one that landed a tourist in the hospital last year, according to the New York Post.

“It’s bad,” said Sonies. “Sometimes you have to just hop off and walk.”

Bedford Avenue

The borough’s longest avenue was once a safe street for cyclists, but bikers say that all changed after the city removed a 15-block portion of the lane between Flushing and Division avenues following a long-brewing war between motorists and two-wheelers in South Williamsburg.

The lane-less area created a whole new set of problems, cyclist say. The northbound route stops right before a chaotic section of the roadway, where parked school busses and heavy traffic can obscure cyclists’ vision. Making it 15 blocks until the lane restarts is a challenge mainly because of the attitude of drivers in the area, bikers say.

“People in this neighborhood don’t respect the bike lanes,” said cyclist Mateo Bijoux.

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A Department of Transportation spokeswoman said her agency will “take a look at” the seven scary lanes and see if any changes can be made.

Did we miss a bike lane that makes your blood run cold? Tell us at [BrooklynPaper.com/ScariestBikeLanes](#).

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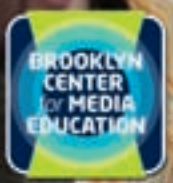
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Don't Get Burned by GERD

by Smruti Mohanty M.D., Chief of Gastroenterology
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My 58-year-old mother was recently diagnosed with GERD. I come from a family that loves to cook and eat spicy foods on a regular basis — does this increase my risk of developing GERD? How can I prevent it?

Unfortunately, spicy foods can sometimes cause heartburn (a burning sensation in the chest area), and frequent heartburn may increase your risk of developing GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease). Although it may not be necessary to entirely eliminate spicy foods from your diet, individuals who often experience heartburn after eating spicy meals should strongly consider reducing their consumption of those foods.

The stomach contains gastric (stomach) acid, which assists in digestion by breaking down the food you eat. To keep this acid from entering the throat, the esophagus has a sphincter (a circular muscle) at its lower end that constricts when food or liquid is not being consumed. Certain foods, especially those that are spicy, may cause the sphincter to relax and allow acid to flow upward, enter the esophagus, and cause heartburn.

Heartburn is common in the United States, with over 60 million people feeling discomfort at least once a month. However, GERD is a condition characterized by frequent and consistent acid

reflux. Prolonged acid reflux can damage the lining of the esophagus, and increase the risk of developing certain types of cancer. While GERD is most commonly associated with heartburn, other symptoms of the disease include dry cough, irritation of the throat, trouble swallowing, regurgitation of food and stomach liquid, and nausea.

Spicy foods are not the only kinds that can contribute to acid reflux. In addition to limiting spicy food consumption, you should also limit your intake of alcohol, caffeinated beverages, acidic foods (such as carbonated beverages and citrus fruits), fatty foods, and chocolate. You should also avoid lying down for at least three hours after a meal and wear loose fitting clothes.

Symptoms of GERD may still occur after diet and lifestyle changes, but there are over the counter medications available to help treat the condition. If problems still persist, it's best to consult your doctor or gastroenterologist about further treatment options. Aside from diet, other risk factors for GERD include obesity, pregnancy, smoking, asthma, and diabetes.

Currently there is no definite cure for GERD, so prevention is crucial when it comes to the disease. With some simple adjustments and moderation when it comes to those spicy foods, it's easy to lead a healthy lifestyle and eat what you love without getting burned.

Horrifying Red Hook mugging

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Carroll Gardens—Cobble Hill—Red Hook

A vicious mugger kicked a woman to the ground and threatened to take her life in a brutal July 28 attack.

The perp knocked over the 34-year-old victim as she walked to her car at 12:20 am at the corner of Columbia and Lorraine streets and pressed an object against her back.

The thief then grabbed the victim's purse, which contained an ID, a check stub, and \$300, and said he would kill her if she alerted police.

"Better not call the cops or you won't make it out of Red Hook alive," the crook said, according to investigators.

Mitt show

A burglar stole electronics, jewelry, cash, and two baseball gloves from a President Street residence on July 17.

The thief got into the residence, which is between Hicks and Columbia streets, by climbing through an open kitchen window at around 2:14 pm.

Once inside, the crook grabbed an Xbox, a controller, a laptop, two iPods, two cameras and lenses, \$70, a bag full of coins, an St. Anthony pendant on a silver chain, and a Rawlings baseball mitt and a Wilson glove.

Gun gone

Cops say they cuffed a man carrying a loaded gun and marijuana at the corner of Court and Mill streets on July 12.

Officers spotted a man with a firearm at around 11:30 pm and confronted the 22-year-old suspect, who allegedly resisted arrest. After a brief struggle, police searched the suspect and claim they recovered 13 bags of marijuana. The suspect was also slapped with a felony charge for allegedly filing off the serial number on the handgun.

Producing cash

A crook stole a produce deliveryman's loot as he left a Smith Street grocery store on July 13.

The victim was returning to his truck after delivering vegetables near the corner of Baltic Street at 1:15 pm when a perp approached him from behind. "Give me your bag," the thief demanded.

The victim forked over his bounty and the crook fled with an unspecified amount of cash. — **Ben Muessig**

84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights—DUMBO—Boerum Hill—Downtown

Gold rush

Thieves struck two separate apartments in a Gold Street building on July 26 — taking off with three MacBooks and a bracelet.

One victim left her apartment at 3 pm, leaving the door unlocked for her dog walker. When she came home, two MacBooks were gone.

Another woman told police that she left her apartment between Myrtle Avenue and Johnson Street at 4 pm — possibly without locking the door — and when she returned an hour later her MacBook and a silver bracelet worth \$3,000 had vanished.

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Ear-y crime

A troublesome trio stole a man's headphones on the Flatbush Avenue Extension on July 23.

The victim was skateboarding near Cathedral Place at 2:55 pm three thugs snatched the \$220 headphones off the victim's neck from behind, police say.

Grab and go

Police arrested a man who they say took a woman's pocketbook and then assaulted her on the G train on July 28.

The victim told officers the train was stopped at the Carroll Street station at 6:20 am when the suspect got on and sat next to her. He allegedly snatched the victim's pocketbook, with \$457 inside, and then threatened: "Don't say anything or I'll hurt you."

Cops say the suspect then attempted to grab the woman's breasts, and when she resisted, smacked her across the face before fleeing at the Hoyt-Schmerhorn station.

Scary assault

Cops arrested a man who they say nearly killed a woman on Nevins Street on July 27.

The victim told police she was arguing with the suspect between Livingston Street and Flatbush Avenue at 9:55 am when he struck her in the back of the head with a golf club. Cops say the suspect then went after her with a knife, leaving huge cuts on her arms that later required surgery and more than 100 stitches. — **Alfred Ng**

78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

Tow no!

A jerk swiped more than \$5,000 and some Chinese cigarettes from a car parked on Ninth Street on July 24.

The 53-year-old victim told cops he got into a car accident at 3 am and a towing company moved his black Lincoln to an auto repair shop near Second Avenue while he was at the hospital.

He went to the shop eight hours later — and discovered \$5,024, a pack of smokes, and a fruit knife missing.

Missing Macs

A perp stole two laptops, an iPod, and some jewelry from an apartment on Sixth Avenue on July 29.

The 47-year-old victim told cops he left his home near Fourth Street at 4 pm, went out with friends, and came back around 9 pm. That's when he discovered his place ransacked and two Mac laptops, an iPod, and some jewelry gone — with no sign of forced entry.

Bike bandits

Two teens on bikes swiped a cellphone from a woman on Sackett Street on July 29.

The 31-year-old victim told cops she was talking on her phone near Nevins Street at 10 pm when two teenagers rolled up on bikes.

"Give me your phone!" one of them yelled, so she

handed it over and they both pedaled away.

Pedal perp

Two thieves stole a cellphone from a woman on Berkeley Place on July 25.

The 35-year-old victim told cops she was on the phone near Eighth Avenue at 12:42 am when two men approached her from behind, one of whom was riding a white mountain bike. The crooks then grabbed her iPhone and fled.

— **Natalie O'Neill**

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene—Clinton Hill

Laptop grab

Crooks stole laptops from a Willoughby Avenue apartment sometime between June 19 and July 6.

Representatives from Pratt Institute told cops that they left two MacBook laptops in the building near Hall Street at 3 pm on June 19, returning on July 6 to find them gone.

Fur-glars

Thieves struck an Atlantic Avenue storage facility on July 23 and stole a watch, video game console, and fur coat.

The 58-year-old victim told cops that he left his storage unit near Grand Avenue at 9:15 am, returning at 4:48 pm to find his belongings gone.

Cycle heist

A crook cased an apartment on Willoughby Avenue on July 25 — stealing two mountain bikes.

The 37-year-old victim told cops he left his place between Clermont and Vanderbilt avenues at 3:30 pm, returning at 5:30 pm to find his backpack, wallet, and the bikes gone. Cops said the crooks had entered through the basement by breaking the window of a cellar door.

Phone grab

A crook stole a woman's cellphone on Washington Avenue on July 27.

The 51-year-old woman told cops she was between Myrtle and Willoughby avenues at 11:55 am when the jerk grabbed her cellphone from behind and fled.

myPhone

Thieves stole another cellphone on Cumberland Walk on July 27 — but cops say they've arrested the suspects.

The 35-year-old victim says she was talking on her iPhone between Myrtle and Park avenues at 9:39 pm when a crook came up and snatched it. Cops managed to track down the woman's phone at a nearby bodega, with the help of the "Find my iPhone" application on the phone, and say they've arrested the two men who they say are responsible.

Phone gone

A thief stole an iPhone from a woman on Lafayette Avenue on July 25.

The 32-year-old victim told cops she talking on her phone near Adelphi Street at midnight when the crook came up from behind her and grabbed the device.

Ringer

A thief burglarized an apartment on Washington Avenue on July 26, taking off with more than \$1,000 and a wedding band.

The 34-year-old woman told cops she left her place between Willoughby and DeKalb avenues at 9 am, returning at 8 pm to find \$1,250 and her ring missing.

Dastardly duo

A criminal duo robbed a man on Lafayette Avenue on July 23.

The 37-year-old victim told cops he was between Grand and Classon avenues at 12:20 am when two men grabbed him by the neck and told him to get down on his knees, saying, "Give me your money or I will shoot you."

The victim handed over his wallet, keys, and cellphone and the jerks fled.

Bodega raided

A crook held up a Myrtle Avenue bodega on July 27.

A store worker told cops he was behind the counter of the shop between Washington Park and Carlton Avenue at 7:43 pm when a man displayed a silver gun and said, "Where's the money?"

The crook fled with \$70.

Hello, goodbye

A thief tried to burglarize a building on Willoughby Avenue on July 29, but was scared away by the octogenarian who lived there.

The 86-year-old woman told cops she was watching TV at her place between Hall Street and Washington Avenue at 5:46 am when she heard a bang. She went to investigate and saw a man standing in her home, having forced her door open. The man said, "Hello," then walked out, cops say.

No tablet

A crook stole an iPad from a man's hands on Lafayette Avenue on July 28.

The 29-year-old victim was between Cumberland Street and Carlton Avenue at 3:30 am when the crook wrenched the fancy device away and fled.

Sinful

An unholy thief hit a Clason Avenue church sometime between July 26 and 27, taking a laptop and camera, among other things.

Representatives from the church told cops they left the building between Myrtle and Willoughby avenues at 7:45 pm, returning at 7:29 am the next day to find the front door lock broken, and a computer, a water cooler, a camera, and some cleaning supplies gone.

Xboxed

A crook stole some electronics from a Washington Avenue apartment on July 29.

The 50-year-old victim told cops that she and her daughter were asleep at their place near Park Avenue at 2 am when a man entered their apartment through an unlocked front door and removed an X-box, a fan, and a TV. — **Eli Rosenberg**

68TH PRECINCT

Bay Ridge—Dyker Heights

Bike thug

A two-wheeling goon snatched a Bay Ridge woman's bag on Senator Street on July 27, police say.

The victim reported that she on the sidewalk between Fifth and Sixth avenues at 11:25 pm when the pedal punk bumped into her. The handlebar ruffian apologized — then grabbed her purse. The two struggled for a moment, but the thief escaped on his bicycle.

Apple juice

A pair of punks snatched a woman's iPhone right out of her hand on Fort Hamilton Parkway on July 28 — and chucked a bottle at her and her friend as they gave chase, according to cops.

The victim said she and her friend were between 67th and 68th streets at 4:30 pm when the two goons ran up and grabbed her gadget. The woman said she and her companion pursued the dastardly duo, only to have the crooks hurl a glass bottle at them. The victims said they were unhurt, and the villains escaped in a silver Audi.

Unholy act

A jerk ripped off a church-going Bay Ridge woman on 82nd Street on July 29, police report.

The victim said she was

near Fourth Avenue on her way to services at 7:40 am when the creep came up behind her and tore away her bag.

— **Will Bredderman**

94TH PRECINCT

Greenpoint—Northside

Shot in W'burg

Police arrested a suspect who they say shot a man on N. Ninth Street on July 27.

Officers say a 29-year-old man was found shot five times on the street at 10:45 pm. The victim, who was unconscious, was taken to the hospital, where they determined he was unlikely to die of his wounds.

Police found five shell casings, a shirt, and an open bottle of Hennessy at the scene. They later found the suspect, who was charged with assault.

Bar none

A sneaky thief stole a laptop from a Franklin Street bar on July 19.

A bartender at the watering hole between Quay and Calyer streets told police that he was chatting with a customer at 8:30 pm, and then went to the storeroom. When he returned, his MacPro — and the customer — had vanished.

Insult to injury

Bad luck turned worse when a man whose car had been taken to an impound on Franklin Street on July 14 discovered about \$4,000 he had left in the car went missing.

The victim went to the impound at Dupont Street at noon to pick up his belongings, but found that his car's doors were unlocked, his stuff was scattered about, and cash from the glove compartment was missing.

Hat tip

Police arrested a man who they say ransacked an Engert Avenue home on July 22, taking some gadgets and jewelry — but leaving behind a cap.

The victim told police he returned to his home at Eckford Street and noticed the roof landing in the hallway was open. When he looked around, he found his iPod Touch, iPod Nano, watches, and jewelry missing from his bedroom. The suspect left his hat behind on the kitchen floor, police said, but sources would not say whether the hat was his undoing.

Cold war

A pair of conniving ladies stole cold medicine and skin care products from a Manhattan Avenue Rite Aid on July 22.

Police said the women entered the drug store between Meserole Avenue and Calyer Street at 3:50 am and grabbed the items.

90TH PRECINCT

Southside—Bushwick

Double trouble

Two different crooks robbed a Graham Avenue Chase bank in separate, but strikingly similar, incidents on July 23 and July 24, cops say.

Employees at the bank near Broadway told police that a man walked up to a teller at 4:25 pm on July 23 and handed her a note demanding money. The teller gave him \$600 and the brazen robber fled on foot.

The next day, cops say a different man handed a teller a torn, yellow piece of paper at 4:30 pm that read, "Shut up I have a gun give me all the money or someone dies." The teller gave the villain \$420 and the robber ran off.

Gym, no class

Someone stole a \$1,200 laptop from a S. Third Street school on July 23.

The victim, a teacher at the school between Roebling Street and Driggs Avenue, told police that he left his backpack in the gym while he went for lunch at 1 pm. When he returned, the bag was ripped open and his MacBook Pro was gone.

Stranger danger

A man's decision to bring a stranger to his S. Third Street apartment on July 24 turned out to be a bad one when the visitor got into a fight with the man's roommate.

The victim told police that he got into an argument with the stranger in his apartment near Berry Street at 5:45 am. The stranger proceeded to beat the victim on the shoulder with a wooden dowel, then fled, police said.

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Steal this art

Gallery questions the value of art with free lemonade

By **Danielle Furfaro**
The Brooklyn Paper

If it's free, is it art? A new exhibit questions the value and valuing of art, with pieces like a metal bowl of ice holding a bottle of lemonade on a pedestal, a contradictory sign reading “please, don't touch the art” and “please help yourself.”

“They have to think about it and decide what to do with the piece,” said artist Shinsuke Aso. “If the audience comes to the conclusion that it's not art, they can drink the lemonade. If they think it's art, they can't touch it.”

The new exhibit “Is This Free?” at Bushwick's NurtureART gallery is a playful look at the economy of fine arts when the economy is in a serious funk.

“It's pretty clear why it's happening,” curator Marco Antonini said.

“The financial crisis is changing the way artists see themselves. They see that they can't be supported by the art market anymore, so they have to change their distribution process. They need to find ways to make art other than relying on selling it.”

And with a market unwilling to buy, artists' works have nowhere to go — as the exhibit will demonstrate with a gratuitous three openings, all on the same wall space.

The show's first opening was on July 6, its second is on Aug. 3, and its third on Aug. 31. The materials from the openings will be piled right on top of each other.

“The first one is sparse and minimal,” said Antonini. “[But] by the end, it will be a mess. The idea is to let the art accumulate, because when things are free, people

tend to horde them.”

Another artist, Carrie Dashow, is working on a project for the Aug. 31 opening based on the imagined scenario that the priceless artwork housed in the Metropolitan Museum of Art would hang in the average Brooklyn household — with a Caravaggio or Egyptian sarcophagus displayed in narrow hallways across the borough like a fine arts timeshare.

And none of the art is for sale.

In fact, one of the pieces featured in the exhibit will be kept entirely from gallery-goer's eyes.

Elisabeth Smolarz will strip naked to perform a series of simple and delicate gestures involving the eating of fruit, but her piece — titled “TANSTAFL,” or There Ain't No Such Thing As Free Lunch — will be behind closed doors. The piece aims to frustrate the expectations of the public, demonstrating value through exclusivity.

But in addition to the new pieces, the exhibit will have examples of formerly free art that went on to be worth high dollar values.

That includes posters conceptual artist Jenny Holzer wheatpasted around Manhattan in the 1970s and pins that Keith Haring handed out in the 1980s.

Is This Free? exhibit at NurtureART [56 Bogart Street, (718) 782-7755, nurtureart.org]. Through Sept. 22. Free.



Drink for free: Artists Rachel Steinberg, Aso Shinsuke, Elisabeth Smolarz and curator Marco Antonini enjoy a glass of lemonade at a gallery show where the summery drink is on display, or served as a refreshment, depending on how you look at it.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

BALLET

To Swayze

Patrick Swayze was a good friend to ballet. His dancing prowess was evident in the 1987 film “Dirty Dancing,” and a contemporary ballet troupe, remembering him as a performer, and a board member of their collective, is dedicating one of the pieces in their upcoming show at the Prospect Park band shell — titled “Mercy” — to the late actor.

“[The dance] means a lot to me,” said choreographer and Complexion dance company co-founder Desmond Richardson. “Patrick

really loved this particular music we're using for the routine, and he loved this dance.”

Richardson was a close friend of Swayze and in his long career, he worked with the star in the film “One Last Dance” in 2003.

And for the last 18 years, Complexion has taken multiple dance styles, and blended them into its own contemporary ballet image, taking them around the world, performing in France, Korea, and Spain — and now, Brooklyn.

Complexions Contemporary Ballet at Prospect Park band shell [Ninth Street and Prospect Park West in Park Slope. (718) 683-5600, www.bricartsmedia.org]. Aug. 9, 7 pm. Free.

— **Alfred Ng**

PUNK

Gentle rock

These guitar freaks don't want to be misunderstood.

They call themselves the Gentlemen, even though “noisy punk” could be an apt description for their fast, upbeat, and heavily rhythmic music. Reveling in the contradiction, the group of rockers say there's a lot more going on, and they hope listeners don't just bang their heads at the Summer Thunder series at Union Pool on Aug. 4.

They hope concertgoers dance.

“Our guitars shred, squeal and lurch,” guitarist Frank Garcia admitted in an email conversation. “But these are rock songs that are intended to get your head and hips bobbing.”

With free booze provided by Union Pool and tacos from the El Diablo Taco Truck parked in the outdoor patio, these Gentlemen think this event will be a memorable one.

“It'll feel like a big old backyard party, a house show rager,” said Garcia.

Gentlemen at Union Pool [484 Union Ave. at Meeker Avenue in Williamsburg. (718) 609-0484, www.union-pool.com]. Aug. 4, 3pm. Free.

— **Max Molishever**



Photo by Suz Reyes

JAZZ

Haitian trio

These tunes will cast a spell on you.

Fusing Haitian roots with a mix of Vodou rock, reggae, and hip-hop, and adding to a standard jazz trio a percussionist who performs a “gumbo of electronic music,” Trio Ginen

Yo says their unique collaboration results in a musical triptych, inspiring a myriad of mystical responses.

“It's different for everyone, people have said tribal rituals, a religious service, even seeing the color red everywhere,” said Val Jeanty, who performs on the synths, turntables, and drum machine.

The trio's combination of jazz — with Bobby Raymond on the standing bass — and Ra Ra tunes, or Haitian street festival songs, makes band members admit that their music is probably not for concertgoers looking to dance or drink, but instead, listen.

That should be perfect for the Brooklyn Museum's upcoming Target First Saturday's Caribbean themed night, as the trio will kick off the evening like a spark plug, allowing the museum's more antsy visitors to opt out of the offered reading, screening, and discussions, and just jump right into a dance party driven by Latin DJs Beto, Mios Dio, and Thanu.

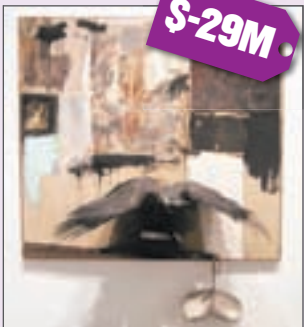
Trio Ginen Yo at the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Crown Heights. (718) 638-5000. www.brooklynmuseum.org] Aug. 4, 5 pm Haitian music showcase, 8 pm dance party. Free.

— **Max Molishever**



Photo by Allan Medhard

Putting a price tag on beauty



Blood tax: This Rauschenberg costs more than it's worth since it's a felony to sell the bald eagle pelt stuck to it — but the IRS still wants to tax it, leaving its owners in a pickle.



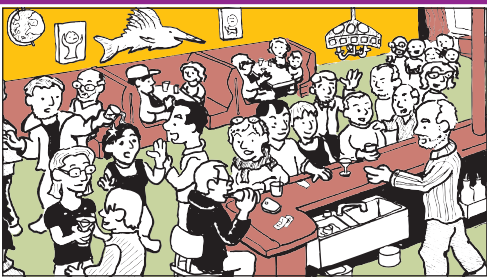
Touch the art: Aso Shinsuke's lemonade installation is refreshingly budget-friendly, but drinking it questions whether it's art at all, and hurts its resale value.



Garbage: This \$1-million painting, “Tres Personajes” by Rufino Tamayo, was lost and then found in the trash on a New York City sidewalk, where it caught the eye of a casual art lover who appraised it as good enough to take home — then cashed in.

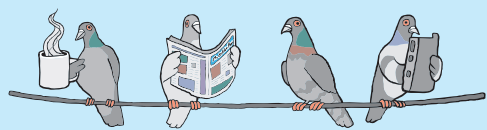


Sold! Cezanne's “Card Players” sold last year for the highest sum ever dished out for a painting — but that's just because the Mona Lisa isn't up for auction. The portrait of a lady is valued at roughly \$768 million based on the insurance taken out on it in 1962, after inflation.



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Welcoming weirdos

Fort Greene circus lets everyone join in on fun

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

It would be a pity to let those juggling skills get rusty.

Instead of practicing by themselves, stilt walkers, contortionists, and jugglers can join Gemini & Scorpio's Lost Circus for a night of spectacles and specialties where the audience isn't just sitting holding their breaths, they're wearing costumes and

makeup, too, and showing off their inner circus freaks.

"Lost Circus is a party. It's not a show," said curator Larisa Fuchs, who is a co-founder of Gemini & Scorpio.

"There are no assigned seats. The audience is not required to sit and behave."

Billed as "circus and dark cabaret with a steampunk twist," the Lost Circus is one of the many social performance extravaganzas hosted by Gemini & Scor-

pio, originally an online dating service for creative, artistic young people. It quickly morphed into an events company that put on inventive activities for singles and couples alike, such as art installations, face painting, and photo booths.

"We couldn't find the kind of events in New York City that we wanted to go to," said Fuchs. "So we made them ourselves."

The goal is to entertain,

more so in the sense of a dinner party than a show, so there are some rules including an elaborate dress code that encourages dark cabaret, funky formal, Tim Burton-esque looks, and welcomes "stilts and characters."

"We require costuming at every event," said Fuchs. "We have to feel they are part of the event. We want to see that you read the invite and you want to be here."

And like any good party, there's plenty of steampunk marching band music, gypsy punk accordions, and slapstick curmudgeons performing skits.

Shayfer James, who plays dark, theatrical music, and is planning an act that will come complete with a fire dancer, said Gemini & Scorpio events bring together elements of from all corners of the New York City performance world.

"Larisa is great because

she puts artists in touch with each other and says, 'Why don't you do something together?'" said James. "She has great vision."

Though there will be plenty of planned and unplanned performances by circus aficionados and sideshow enthusiasts, there's no limit to the oddities and whimsies guests can bring, as long as everyone is excited to be there — and be weird.

"If people want to show up with hoola hoops or flags, they are welcome to," said Fuchs.

"We want everyone to bring their own elements."

Gemini and Scorpio's Lost Circus at the Irondale Center (85 S. Oxford St., between Lafayette Avenue and Fulton Street in Fort Greene, geminiaand-scorpio.com) Saturday, Aug. 11, 8 pm–9 pm, VIP tea salon \$35, 9pm–late party \$25, after 1 am \$10.



Steamy punks: Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band, billed as riotous steampunk brass, will be one of the acts in the upcoming Lost Circus.

BAR SCRAWL

By Bill Roundy

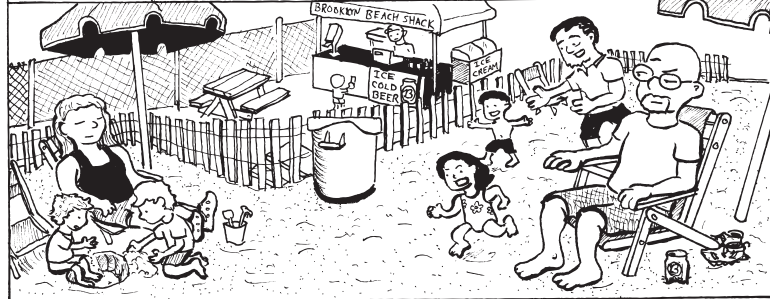
There's now a spot in Brooklyn Bridge Park where kids can swim and adults can drink (though not at the same time).

Closes at 6pm.

The menu at Brooklyn Beach Shack is basic: burgers (\$10), hot dogs (\$5), cans of beer (\$6), and tiny bottles of wine (\$8).



Of course, on Friday at 8pm, I'm the only person here without kids.



Brooklyn Beach Shack [In Brooklyn Bridge Park, between Pier 1 and Pier 2, (718) 810-5583, www.brooklynbeachshack.com]. Open daily, 10 am–11 pm; serves alcohol 6 pm–11 pm.

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

It's pizza for uno!

A new brick-oven pizzeria in Brooklyn Heights is getting personal — with authentic Italian-style pies for one.

Dellarocco's of Brooklyn, which features an imported wood-burning oven, is on Hicks street near Montague, serving up small pizzas with fresh and simple ingredients — that have a hand-crafted feel.

Co-owner Greg Markman, who also runs Heights Café at the corner down the street, said his talented Italian chef prepares 12 and 16-inch pies using a traditional style that calls for obsessive attention to detail, from the sauce to the oven temperature.

"It's true to the Neapolitan style," Markman said.



One at a time: A pizza topped with burrata, salami, and zucchini is one of Chef Pasquale Cozzolino's creations at the newly-opened Dellarocco's Pizza on Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

The menu ranges in pizza prices from \$11 to \$20, including a zucchini cream and burrata pie, one with truffle sauce, and, of course, a classic margarita.

The eatery also offers local beers on tap, handmade cannolis (\$6) and a variety of salads such as one with goat cheese, mango and pistachio (\$10).

Markman had to rush off the phone to host a "soft opening" on Monday, no doubt busy getting appetites warmed up for the July 31 grand opening the next day, but he said he hopes patrons will include tourists and neighbors.

"We're excited to be in Brooklyn Heights," he said.

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Age — like votes — is nothing but a number

Brooklyn Heights man runs for president of nation’s largest labor group at age 98

On his 98th birthday, professional rabble-rouser and Brooklyn Heights resident Harry Kelber announced he will run for president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

No, not the local chapter of the nation’s largest labor group. The activist born during the Wilson administration wants to be in charge of the entire 11-million worker organization, better known as the AFL-CIO. Danielle Furfaro visited Kelber and talked about his campaign, his life, his views on labor, and the era when a pony ride cost about the same as a haircut.

Danielle Furfaro: How long have you been involved in the labor movement?

Harry Kelber: For 75 years. I’m 98-years-old. As a young man, I was thrust into it. I went to Cornell, but then I got a call that my father was dying. I was thrust into the working world as a breadwinner and I learned all about safeguarding workers’ rights. Then, they realized that I could write, and when the trade unions got hit

hard, they gave me two newspapers: a construction trade paper, and the AFL-CIO paper. They didn’t give me a dime — I had to sell advertising to make an income. I did that from 1938 until 1942 and then I was drafted from 1942 until 1945. When I came home, both papers were gone.

DF: What did you do when you came back from the war?

HK: At the age of 46, I decided that I wanted to go to col-

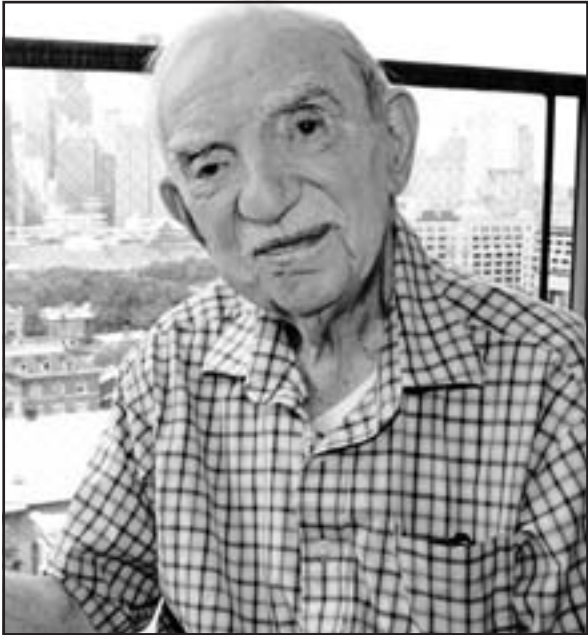
lege. So I wrote to Brooklyn College. I got my baccalaureate from Brooklyn College and my master’s and Ph.D from NYU. I graduated in 1965 and a half.

DF: What’s the best job you’ve ever had?

HK: When I became editor of the Labor Educator. I’ve been there from 1994 when we were on paper, to the present when we’re on the internet. I should tell you that I write three columns a week.

DF: What are you up to now?

HK: On my 98th birthday, I announced that I intend to run for president of the AFL-CIO. This isn’t a frivolous statement. Across the country, people are unhappy. They are being asked to make concessions and being told they will be laid off if they don’t. And the union leaders are doing nothing about it.



Harry Kelber, a 98-year-old labor activist, is running for president of the AFL-CIO.

DF: Do you have a lot of supporters?

HK: I have at least a couple of thousand people who follow me loyally. The anger and frustration is all out there. The key is to try to congeal it to make changes. In recent years, there has been no action whatsoever. If you get a hundred different locals agitating for what they believe in. They will coalesce and have a labor movement. That’s what we did in the ’50s. There was no magic.

DF: Do you have a campaign manager?

HK: I have a couple of people who are competing for it. At the moment, I’m the campaign manager.

DF: Are you using Facebook and Twitter to court voters?

HK: Very little. I have enough things to worry about and capitalize on. I do have a Facebook page. But I haven’t done anything on Twitter and I don’t intend to.

DF: What year were you born?

HK: 1914.

DF: You were born the same year as my grandmother.

HK: That was a wonderful decade. There was a Depression, but we got social security and food stamps and all sorts of programs. Since then, there’s been nothing.

DF: Do you think people will be wary of voting for someone who’s 98?

HK: 98 is not a young age, but I have a lot of pep in me. People are curious. If a 98-year-old guy can do this, why can’t a 50-year-old? Because they don’t have the guts.

DF: How old do you feel?

HK: I feel 50. I have the intelligence and memory of a 50-year-old and I could debate them all to hell. My memory’s great. I remember a pony ride I got out of a guy when I was three in exchange for letting him cut my hair. I’ve been all over the world and I remember all the fun and the aggravation.

DF: Are you a rebel?

HK: You can call me a rebel. I’ll take any name. As long as I can get things done.

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PARENT

My girl’s at camp, and I’m loving it

My 14-year-old daughter is away at camp, and I don’t miss her as much as I used to.

Most years, I obsess about writing, sending packages, making sure she knows I’m thinking of her every day. This year, not so much.

In fact, I’ve gone a week without sending a scrap of paper — and now my guilt is piling up.

Of course she’s older now, and it’s not like when she was 9 and went to sleep-away camp the first time. Then

it felt so important to flood her with tokens of love and connection, to make sure she didn’t feel shipped off to Siberia or cast off like an used piece of furniture.

Back then, I was sure my stream of postcards and letters was for her, something she needed to avoid a dreaded bout of homesickness or other emotional devastation.

Then camp became routine for her, a high point of her year, with special friends and activities. I knew she looked for my letters with less eagerness and excitement, but

I believed keeping the link was just as important as ever.

I guess my extreme postal output was more for me than my daughter, fulfilling my need to be involved in her life, my desire for connection, my insecurity that being her dad was less and less important.

But this summer, as my few weeks without her have filled up with work and play, social obligations and de-



The Dad

By Scott Sager

ferred projects, the dispatches have dwindled. Each morning I swear I’ll get a letter off to her and each night I berate myself for failure, feeling more and more like a neglectful parent.

The days are sliding by quickly, their passage a blur,

their disappearance a mystery. I’m busy and have gotten to some movies. Life is pretty good. Except that nagging feeling that I’m letting my daughter down.

Separation works both ways, her feeling secure and able to go off on her own and my having a life that revolves less and less around my kids. I should feel lucky it’s going that way, but deep down I know there is a sense I’m betraying my little girl.

So as I’m packing for visiting day, I’m adding extra comic books and special

items to my bags to pay for my pangs of conscience. I’m ready to take her out for ice cream and send her back to her cabin with anything she might want.

When I leave her, I know there are only two more weeks of my freedom, dinners with friends, relaxed weekend mornings, spontaneous outings with my wife, even working late without a worry. Oh, how awful I’ll feel if I don’t get a letter off to her then but only because I’m enjoying the childless life a little too much.



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BOOKS...

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first purveyor of literature in recent memory.

Even though opening a bookstore in 2012 might seem as fiscally prudent as penning a novel in a notebook made of \$100 bills, entrepreneur Matthew Winn has taken the leap after padding the landing with a big coffee bar and a pending license to serve beer and wine.

“It’s proven that it’s still possible to maintain a bookstore if you subsidize it with other things,” said Winn.

Molasses Books sells fiction, non-fiction, and poetry — and Winn is planning to allow Brooklyn authors to offer their scrolls at the store on consignment. So far, much of

the collection is used books, but the shop is building up its new offerings as well.

Winn is optimistic about the business, but he isn’t delusional.

“When people want a specific book, they are probably going to order online,” he said. “I know that.”

But he believes bookstores offer something shoppers will never encounter when they order books online.

“There is something com-

munal about a bookstore, something tactile about it,” said Winn. “People go to a bookstore to go somewhere. And they want a reason to stick around after they’ve bought the book.”

That’s where the drinks come in.

For now, Molasses will sell only coffee and soft drinks until 8 pm six days per week. If he gets permission to sell wine and beer, the store will likely stay open until midnight.

Winn built his book collection during a year of selling literature on the street in places like Kensington and Park Slope and he’s ecstatic to finally have a brick-and-mortar store in his neighborhood — in part because he’ll no longer need to rely on his car-driving girlfriend to ferry himself and his inventory around the borough.

“Lugging around crates of books based on someone else’s schedule isn’t very sus-

tainable,” he said.

The bookstore isn’t the only new Bushwick business to attempt to draw customers with suds as well as ser-

vices: the yoga studio Cobra Club shocked the meditative world when it opened with an adjoining bar on Wyck-off Avenue weeks ago.

Molasses Books [770 Hart St. between Knickerbocker and Wilson avenues, (631) 882-5188]. Tues.–Sun., 8 am–8 pm; Mon., 8 am–12 pm.

RESTLER...

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earned the esoteric position in 2010 after trouncing Warren Cohn, the son of retiring district leader Steve Cohn, who held the post for 27 years.

Though it’s not part of the job description, Restler framed his two years in office as a position of constituent services.

“Government is confusing and confounding and residents often need help navigating the process,” said Restler, who takes partial credit for bringing community gardens and farmers’ markets to the district.

“I’ve done my best to make myself available and make sure that local residents can achieve their objectives.”

Olechowski framed his campaign as means to ensure North Brooklyn’s neediest residents have representation in the local Democratic party.

“I have a great deal of experience knowing problems and concerns that affect this community,” said the 65-year-old, who started his public service career by creating programs to help Polish new immigrants. “I know what happens to people when they’re disenfranchised.”

Olechowski said he sees the tensions created by the spreading gentrification in North Brooklyn.

“As a community, there are some populations that are worse off than others,” said

the aspiring Democratic district leader, who has been a CBI member for more than 20 years.

“My goal is to look out for those who can’t fend for themselves and are more likely to have a lack of representation because of their ethnic group, or because of a language barrier, or because they are elderly,” he said.

Veteran political watchdog Hank Sheinkopf said the battle between the two civic activists isn’t just a race for a position most voters don’t understand — it’s another litmus test of Lopez’s power after two rough years plagued by scandals and bad press.

“Every district leader enforces the Democratic organization and every race they lose makes them look silly,” said Sheinkopf.

SHORE...

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People’s Playground says Bullard is letting his building crumble because he’s still angry over two spat he had with the city more than 15 years ago, when the Giuliani administration prevented the property holder from recreating Steeplechase Park on city land that’s now home to MCU Park, then demolished

Bullard’s Thunderbolt roller coaster — a move a federal court later declared illegal. Bullard also fought Zigun’s efforts to have the building landmarked in 2010.

“There are no more excuses for Horace Bullard,” Zigun said. “The Shore Theater is a disgrace of a landmark.”

Zigun said he would com-

plain to the city Landmarks Commission about the theater’s poor condition. He’s also considering raising enough money to buy the Shore Theater from Bullard — a move the property owner welcomed.

“When Dick Zigun has enough money to buy the building, he can do what he wants with it,” said Bullard, denying Zigun’s claims that he’s purposefully letting his own building deteriorate.

Bullard said he plans to

have the Shore Theater repaired and on the market inside of six months — though there are no plans in the works to restore it as a venue for live entertainment.

But that’s not enough for Zigun, who likens his plan to last year’s Occupy Wall Street movement in Manhattan — with a bit more muscle.

“This won’t be an occupation by the 99 percent, but by the city,” he said. “They should cut the chains, break the locks, and occupy the

building with inspectors, tax assessors, and social workers for the homeless.”

The theater was once named Loew’s Coney Island Theater, and ran movies and stage shows until the mid 1960s. It was taken over by the Brandt Theater group and renamed the Shore Theater, but its heyday was clearly over.

The theater began showing X-rated movies in 1972 after failing to lure audiences.

WHEELS...

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Part of the problem, committee members say, stems from the way appointees introduced Collignon as a Prospect Heights resident who loves parks rather than as a development expert whose firm stands to profit from dealings in the green space.

Indeed, a 2010 press release from Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation, which had a hand in choosing members, notes “Kate Collignon is a 15-year Brooklyn resident, usually found on weekends exploring the city’s park system with her family.” It goes on to mention her place of employment, but fails to note the firm’s major role in consulting for Brooklyn Bridge Park dating back to 2005 and 2006 when the firm helped create the development’s master plan.

The athletic complex, which will be built on Furman Street near Pier 5, is a gift to the city from millionaire philanthropist and cyclist Joshua Rechnitt, who made the largest donation to a park in the city’s history. But there’s still plenty of money to be made from the project, panel members claim.

Collignon did not respond to a call and two e-mails seeking comment by press time.

Regina Myer, president of Brooklyn Bridge Park, said Collignon did not overstep her role while she was a member of the committee.

“The proposal has proceeded on its own merits and has not been voted on by any members of the Community Advisory Council,” Myer said in a statement. “Kate Collignon resigned at the

beginning of the process so as not to pose a conflict of interest. Any suggestion that she exercised influence on the [panel] or Brooklyn Bridge Park regarding the proposed field house is completely inaccurate.”

Myer also says no mem-

bers of the committee are profiting from their volunteer roles on the board.

The agency’s website notes that committee members were chosen “in consultation with local elected officials representing the park,” and that the panel “truly represents a broad

cross-section of park constituents and advocates.”

But that’s not what some members of the group itself think.

“It’s dysfunctional right now and not representing the public’s interest,” Sloane said.

TROPHIES...

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nod to the fact that the sports-centered hobby involves zero physical activity.

“It pokes some fun,” said the sculptor, who creates the trophies in a studio on 18th Street near Third Avenue. “It connects with guy’s guys.”

Mitri started molding the trophies using a clay-base and bronze paint in his parents’ garage in Ohio in the early 1990s, back when he and his

pre-internet buddies scoured newspapers for stats so they could stay up-to-date in their fantasy leagues.

He soon came up with a signature trophy — which he calls “the armchair goon” — using his cousin, Johnny, as a sketch model, he said.

Other designs followed and as the once-obscure pastime became more popular, Mitri went from selling about 20 trophies per year to about 300, which range in

price from \$109 to \$399.

Mitri makes no female trophies because he hasn’t gotten enough requests — but he offers them for fantasy sports stars who favor football, hockey, baseball, basketball, and racing.

He even has a “loser trophy” for players who place last in their fantasy league, featuring a toilet and crushed beer cans.

“[The game] is about spending time with friends but it’s also competitive,” he said. “So this adds to the trash-talking spirit.”

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS INDEX NO. 8940/11 NYCTL 2010-A TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2010-A Trust, Plaintiffs, - against - ESTATE OF JOHN POMELLA, ET AL., Defendants. ADDRESS: 177 33RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY. BLOCK: 681 LOT: 80 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty days after service is completed if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above entitled action is to foreclose a tax lien for the amount due and interest, recorded in the office of the Register/Clerk of the County of KINGS on the 18TH day of AUGUST, 2010 and bearing County Register File Number/CRFN 2010000279055 covering premises described as follows: ADDRESS: 177 33RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY. BLOCK: 681 LOT: 80 COUNTY: KINGS The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the tax lien described above. Plaintiff designates KINGS County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the county where the Property being foreclosed upon is located. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: July 13, 2012 New York, New York WINDELS MARX LANE & MITTEN-DORF LLP ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS NYCTL 2010-A TRUST, and The Bank of New York As Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2010-A Trust MICHAEL H. RESNIKOFF, ESQ. 156 WEST 56TH STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019 PHONE: (212) 237-1110 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Court dated June 21, 2012 and filed along with the supporting papers in the KINGS County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien. SCHEDULE A - DESCRIPTION ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, State of New York, known as Tax Lot 80 in Block 681 (Unit 20 thereof), REFERENCE #: 700777.493

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